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April 2, 2003

Mr. William F. Huttner, President
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Santa Fe Springs, California 90670

RE: Omega Superfund Site - Holchem

Dear Mr. Huttner:

Thank you for your response to the 104(e) Information request in regards to the above referenced Site: Omega Chemical Site. The Agency appreciates your timely response.

It is EPA's understanding that you are requesting additional time (90 days) to prepare a more complete response to the information request to substantiate your response. EPA is unwilling to give you such a lengthy extension. At this time and for settlement purposes with the organized group, you should consider your challenge rejected. The information before the Agency has not convinced EPA to accept your challenge. EPA will accept the additional information at the close of 90 days, however, you should proceed based on a status that EPA has rejected your challenge. Absent clear and convincing evidence that you are not the successor to Te-Be-Le Inc. dba Service Chemical Company and not the liable entity for purposes of this case, EPA will not be inclined to reconsider your status.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 415-972-3908.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thanne Cox", is written over a horizontal line.

Thanne Cox

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